

“...AND IT WILL BE A PARADE THAT WILL MAKE HISTORY”

On February 13, 1919, the newly decorated regiment returned home to New York City. Four days later, they marched up 5th Avenue into Harlem during a homecoming parade. As described by Noble Sissle:

Before they were known as Colonel 'Haywards' 'Tin Soldiers'; now they were stepping off under the enemy's christened name of 'Hell Fighters', and every movement screamed confidence, born of experience.



Marching past the New York Public Library.

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The 369th cheerfully waving to crowds upon their arrival to New York City.

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Henry Johnson greets parade crowds. Due to his battle injuries, he could not march in the parade.

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Crowds gather, many of whom children welcoming their fathers, to cheer on the 369th parade.

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